

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Friends,

Below is a summary of Wednesday's Governor & Executive Council meeting, followed by full details on each item mentioned below.

(1) Projects impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH: Extended work on the project assisting communities along the Suncook River, which jumped course in the Mother's Day flood of 2009.

(2) Projects impacting the Monadnock Region: Tabled (until 5/15) a contract for freight rail on the Hillsboro Branch rail line; approved rehab of 3 red-list bridges in the city of Keene; private financing for a new dormitory at the Dublin School; a grant to control farm runoff in Walpole; nurse training by Keene State College, and a contract with Charlestown-based Student Conservation Association for various NH state park projects.

(3) Projects impacting Strafford & Belknap Co: OK'd a portion of the costs to repair the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge; road rehab on Old Dover Rd; a preservation grant for Amber Acres Farm in Durham and the Twig Property Project in Gilmanton; drinking water protection on the Oyster River in Durham, and a private dock on Little Bay in Dover.

(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact: Worked to offset Washington's Sequestration cuts that would have impacted support programs for the families of NH soldiers deployed overseas or returning from combat, and consolidated business process personnel from several state agencies into a shared workspace in Concord.

(5) Confirmations & Nominations: Confirmed the re-nomination of NH Agriculture Commissioner Lorraine Merrill; Albany International CEO Joe Morone to the UNH System Board of Trustees; three officials to the Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission; two to the LCHIP board; Liz Purdy of Concord to the Business Finance Authority, and several others (full list below).

Full details on all these items are included below. The next meeting is on May 15. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know – and **if you prefer not to receive these updates, just drop me an email and let me know and I'll remove you from this list.**

Sincerely,
Colin

FULL 5/1 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/12Qkqgx>
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) to amend a **sole source** agreement with Lakes Region Planning Commission (originally approved by G&C on 11-9-11, item #84), to complete the Suncook River Fluvial Erosion Hazard Community Assistance project, by extending the completion date to June 30, 2014 from June 30, 2013, and by changing the Scope of Services to reflect revisions to Tasks, and by decreasing the amount by \$1,338 from \$5,755 to \$4,407. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Capital (General) Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS

[Tabled](#) the Bureau of Rail and Transit contract to enter into an Operating Agreement with the Springfield Terminal Railway Co., North Billerica, MA, to provide rail freight service on the state-owned Hillsboro Branch Railroad line in Wilton, Lyndeborough, Greenfield, Hancock, and Bennington. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015, with a provision for renewal for an additional seven-year period through December 31, 2022. **100% Agency Income.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Evroks Corporation, Winnisquam, NH, for bridge rehabilitation work on three bridges in the City of Keene, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,317,938.40. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$231,793.84 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Colin Van Ostern with regard to the financing of renovation and expansion in connection with the Dublin School Inc., Dublin, NH.

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Cheshire County Conservation District, Walpole, NH, for the Boggy Meadow Farm Milk House and Barn Yard Runoff Project, in the Town of Walpole, in the amount of \$29,634. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, Obesity Prevention Program, to enter into an agreement with Keene State College, Keene, NH, to provide Child Care Health Consultation training to nurses in NH's Public Health Regions, in an amount not to exceed \$53,183. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2013. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Parks and Recreation to amend a **sole source** contract with The Student Conservation Association Inc., Charlestown, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5-9-12, item #69B), to provide additional services for various state park projects, by increasing the amount by \$107,864 from \$97,060 to \$204,924, and by extending the completion date to October 30, 2013 from June 30, 2013. **100% Capital Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD/BELKNAP COUNTY PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Division of Operation to accept and expend insurance funds, in the amount of \$1,053,500 to cover a portion of the costs to repair the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge. (2)Further Authorized to establish consultants for services to be performed on the repair of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2013. **100% Private Local Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Busby Construction Co., Inc., Atkinson, NH, for roadway rehabilitation on Old Dover Road beginning at the Somersworth-Rochester town line, on the basis of a low bid of \$464,464. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$46,446.40 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 28, 2013. **100% Betterment Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant agreement with Southeast Land Trust of NH, Exeter, NH, for the Amber Acres Farm in the Town of Durham, in the amount of \$20,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Concord, NH, for the Twig Property Project in the Town of Gilmanton, Belknap County, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[Authorized](#) to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Rochester, NH, to complete a project to protect public drinking water systems, in the amount of \$10,095. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) Kevin A. Clifford's request to perform work on the Atlantic Ocean in Dover.

4. DETAIL: OTHER PROJECTS & POLICIES WITH STATEWIDE IMPACT

[Authorized](#) to amend an existing agreement with Easter Seals NH Inc., (originally approved by G&C on 3-24-10, item #88), to continue to manage the statewide Deployment Cycle Support Program that provides support services to NH National Guard, Reserves and Active Duty service members and their families who are deployed or returning from combat, by increasing the amount by \$535,000 from \$5,817,338 to an amount not to exceed \$6,352,338, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. **100% Other (transfer from Adjutant General) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to transfer and reallocate appropriations for personnel from the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Services, and the Liquor Commission with their respective unexpended FY 2013 appropriations in the amount of \$290,861 for consolidation of business processing within state government at the Shared Services Center within DAS. Effective May 3, 2013 through June 30, 2013. **Estimated 21.50% General, 0.85% Federal, 4.08% Liquor, 31.25% Highway, 39.50% Turnpike, 2.82% Other Income Funds.** (2) Further Authorized to establish the number of total personnel required for business processing functions in the executive branch of state government and to initiate the initial transfer of personnel, along with such items as identified in the law as necessary from their respective agencies, to the Department of Administrative Services to establish a Shared Services Center for the consolidation of business processing within state government. Effective May 3, 2013 through June 30, 2013. **Fiscal Committee approved.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

State Committee on Aging

CONFIRMED:

Cmsr of the Dept of Agriculture, Markets and Food: Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Stratham

University System Board of Trustees: Joseph G. Morone, Portsmouth

Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Cmsn: George C. Cummings, Webster*

Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Cmsn: Merton L. Mann, Dunbarton*

Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Cmsn: Bryan L. Pellerin, Hopkinton*

Land & Community Heritage Authority Board of Dir: Edward J. McLear, Meredith

Land & Community Heritage Authority Board of Dir: Amanda A. Merrill, Durham*

Asst Cmsr of the Dept of Admin Services: Joseph B. Bouchard, Concord*

Board of Architects: Sheldon K. Pennoyer, Greenfield

Business Finance Authority: Mary Elizabeth Purdy, Concord*

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee: Harry C. Brown, Stewartstown

Current Use Advisory Board: Thomas A. Mullin, Rochester*

Health Services Planning and Review Board: Debra S. Grabowski, Raymond
State Historical Records Advisory Board: Richard E. Winslow, III, Rye
Penalty Appeal Board: David W. Laughton, Auburn
Railroad Appeals Board: Francis X. Quinn, Rye
Board of Veterinary Medicine: Elaine Forst, Pittsfield

NOMINATIONS TO BE VOTED ON 5/15:

Real Estate Appraisers Board: Douglas Martin, Charlestown*
State Committee on Aging: Richard D. Crocker, Plymouth, Robert B. Ritchie, Fitzwilliam
Assessing Standards Board: Betsey L. Patten, Moultonborough
Business Finance Authority: Jeffrey R. Hayes, Intervale
Division for Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board: James E. Michalik, Gorham
Health Services Planning and Review Board: Christopher Martin, Newport
Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee: Stacy S. Lopes, Campton
NH Retirement System Board of Trustees: Germano M. Martins, Hooksett